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April 26, 2004

May 31, 2004

June 7, 2004

July 4, 2004

The Board Office
will be closed on
these days.

View from the Chair by Sallie Watkins, LCSW, PIP

As the new chairman of the board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marsha Hobbs, past-chairman, and Jason Cowart, past secretary for serving the board with such dedication and enthusiasm last year. In addition, I would like to thank Ann-Marie Jones for serving as the new vice-chairman and Paula Clark as secretary. Your board is comprised of hard working dedicated licensed social workers who serve in a voluntary, unsalaried capacity. It is a pleasure to be a part of such an outstanding group of social workers.

Board members are willing to speak and frequently do speak to social work groups as well as college classes. These requests can be made through the Montgomery office. However, please remember that board members are volunteers. Therefore, they may be unavailable on specific dates and times.

As reported in previous newsletters, legislative support was being sought to draft the recommended changes to the Administrative Law. Marsha Hobbs was instrumental in contacting Representative Jamie Isom from Mobile who has agreed to draft these

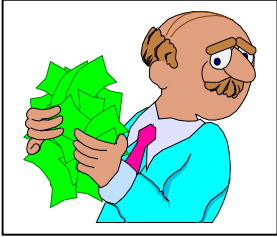
changes. In addition, Senator Larry Dixon, chairman of the Sunset Committee, is drafting the recommended amendment for a one-time change in board appointments.

The board receives numerous questions and pleas regarding continuing education. However, the board must follow the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners' Administrative Code, Chapter 850-X-8 (Continuing Education) which mandates our continuing education requirements. Therefore, if you have not read this chapter in its entirety, I recommend that you read it as soon as possible. You can find it printed on the website at www.abswe.state.al.us or request a written copy by contacting the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners. In order to assist with the numerous continuing education questions, the website has recently been enhanced by adding two new links that provide a list of approved workshops and conferences and a list of approved continuing education providers. Remember, if you want to receive social work contact hours for a continuing education event (conference,

workshop, or seminar) to fulfill the continuing education requirement for licensure then (1) the event must be on the list of approved workshops and conferences or (2) the event must be sponsored by an approved continuing education provider and "fosters the enhancement of general or specialized social work practice, skills or knowledge" or (3) the contact hour must be pre-approved by the board. A detailed copy of the event's agenda must be submitted for review prior (at least four weeks) to the continuing education event and include times, topics, presenters' qualifications, along with the objectives, sponsors, and location of the event. Upon review of the submitted agenda, additional information may be required before rendering a decision. *The board cannot approve an event for continuing education after it has taken place.* If you are unsure about the approval status of a continuing education event contact the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners before attending the event.

These are difficult, yet exciting times and I look forward to serving the board as the new chairman. ♦

When does your CE Start?



Many times licensees, who want to know when their continuing education should start, call us here at the Board of Social Work Examiners office. The answer to this question, for all licensees, is that the period for CE starts the month following your renewal date. By law, all social work licenses expire on the last day of the month, 2 years from the date of issuance. So even if your license was issued on the 3rd of the month, it does not

expire until the end of the same month 24 months later. The continuing education can begin for the next renewal period the following month after the renewal date. For example someone who renews their license in May would begin their continuing education in June for the next renewal period. Hours cannot be carried over to another period should you receive more than the 30 hours required during a given period.

Renewing your license before the expiration date does not change the date to begin CE.

Some people use the 60-day grace period to make-up the hours needed to renew their license. This can be confusing because they can't use the same hours again on the next renewal. You need to keep up with the hours used and remember that they cannot be re-used. That would be getting credit for them twice. ♦

Provider Contract and Approved CE Programs Now on Web

"CE Provider Contract is free and is on our web site. It's a easy way to help out your social work staff."

We are constantly adding updates and changes to the Board's Website.

For example, if you're looking for an approved CE program, go to our website and check out "Approved CE". There you will find a list of approved workshops that have been submitted to the Board and given approval. Along with the dates and titles of the programs you will find the number of hours that each

program has been approved for, and the appropriate contact information of either a telephone number or email address.

We are making this information available on the website due to a request from a licensee asking us to place the course information out there. If you have something you would like to see added to our website, send in your recommendations to the

Board office, and if it's something we can do, we will add it.

If you are connected with a hospital, or an agency that offers CE for nurses and other staff, but not social workers, please tell them that the application form for Approved CE Providers is on our website. The form can be downloaded and printed for completion. It's a free application and it's an easy way to help out their staff. ♦

Continuing Education Must Be Pre-Approved

If you go to a program that was not pre-approved you will not be able to use the hours earned for your continuing education to renew your license.

Administrative Code 850-X-8(5)(e) requires that all CE programs be approved prior to attendance.

Programs not pre-

approved may be submitted to the board's office requesting approval as qualified continuing education. To evaluate the programs we will need a copy of the agenda, showing times and topics, along with the objectives and location of the program and the sponsor information. Please

submit the request for approval at least 4 weeks in advance.

Too often we have had to return a request because the program in question had already taken place, and was not approved in advance. Please don't find yourself in this situation. ♦



NEW LICENSEES**LBSW'S**

3860B	CARRUTH, KERRI E.	NOV 2003	CULLMAN
3861B	MOORE, LAURA P.	NOV 2003	FAIRHOPE
3862B	STANLEY, JOY T.	NOV 2003	AUBURN
3863B	SULLIVAN, ANGELA T.	NOV 2003	SELMA
3864B	BROOKS, MARY C.	NOV 2003	ATTALLA
3865B	KELLEY, APRIL T.	NOV 2003	ELBA
3866B	CARPENTER, ROBERT S.	DEC 2003	CULLMAN
3867B	WARREN, JAMES L.	DEC 2003	BIRMINGHAM
3868B	CONGRESS, ASHIA	DEC 2003	BIRMINGHAM
3869B	HYDE, JENNIFER D.	DEC 2003	SEMMES
3870B	MOORE, MEREDITH C.	DEC 2003	WINFIELD
3871B	CAMPBELL, LISA A.	DEC 2003	RICHMOND
3872B	ARNOLD, TIFFANY R.	DEC 2003	BRUNDIDGE
3873B	HOLT, SCARLETT N.	DEC 2003	ODENVILLE
3874B	LONGEST, ANDREA C.	DEC 2003	OPELIKA
3875B	LLOYD, MICAELA L.	DEC 2003	MUSCLE SHOALS
3876B	SPEARS, DELORIS L.	DEC 2003	DOTHAN
3877B	JOHNSON, ATOYIA L.	JAN 2004	BRUNDIDGE
3878B	LOWERY, THERESA E.	JAN 2004	FYFFE
3879B	TRUCKS, KATHY J.	JAN 2004	MIDFIELD
3880B	PERRY-AUSTIN, SHIRLEY	JAN 2004	HUNTSVILLE
3881B	ROBINSON, TIFFANY N.	JAN 2004	ALBERTVILLE
3882B	SHELTON, LESLEY J.	JAN 2004	MOULTON
3883B	TINDALL, SUSAN E.	JAN 2004	MONTGOMERY
3884B	TAYLOR, AMBER W.	FEB 2004	HALEYVILLE
3885B	COLLINS ANGIE F.	FEB 2004	TROY
3886B	BACSKAY, EMILY H.	FEB 2004	HUNTSVILLE
3887B	BROWNING, LAURA E.	FEB 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3888B	GILLEY, BRIDGET R.	FEB 2004	ANNISTON
3889B	GREEN, EMILY	FEB 2004	ANNISTON
3890B	McDANIEL, RACHEL	FEB 2004	FLORENCE
3891B	PORTER, AMANDA L.	FEB 2004	SCOTTSBORO
3892B	SANFORD, JENNIFER B.	FEB 2004	NORTHPORT
3893B	WILSON, TIFFANY J.	FEB 2004	TUSCUMBIA
3894B	WILLIS, ALICE F.	FEB 2004	TALLADEGA
3895B	BAKER, CINDY C.	FEB 2004	RUSSELLVILLE
3896B	FULMER, MOLLY RUTH	FEB 2004	FLORENCE
3897B	LEWIS, AUDREY D.	FEB 2004	HUNTSVILLE
3898B	SIMS, AMBER C.	FEB 2004	RED BAY
3899B	STOKES, BEVERLY C.	FEB 2004	RUSSELLVILLE
3900B	HUNT, JONATHAN K.	MAR 2004	GADSDEN
3901B	McNEIL, WHITNEY A.	MAR 2004	PRATTVILLE

LGSW'S

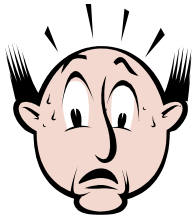
1815G	BAKER, LAURIE A.	NOV 2003	TONEY
1816G	FOWLER, JARRETT B.	NOV 2003	TUSCALOOSA
1817G	LINDEN, GINA M.	NOV 2003	MOUNTAIN BROOK
1818G	SPARKS, LINDSEY T.	NOV 2003	MADISON
1819G	PULLIAM, DAWN E.	DEC 2003	MADISON
1820G	HATCHER, VICKI D.	DEC 2003	HUNTSVILLE
1821G	RICHMOND, SHERRI L.	DEC 2003	MADISON
1822G	WHITE, AUTUMN W.	DEC 2003	DADEVILLE

1823G	MADIGAN, JASON K.	DEC 2003	PASS CHRISTIAN
1824G	MATTIX, GAIL N.	DEC 2003	HUNTSVILLE
1825G	PETTIS, MICHAEL H.	DEC 2003	TUSCALOOSA
1826G	PRINCE, TIMOTHY J.	DEC 2003	MOBILE
1827G	QUINN, DONNA B.	DEC 2003	COLUMBUS
1828G	PENASKOVIC, BRIDGET C.	DEC 2003	BIRMINGHAM
1829G	ROGERS, NATTACHA N.	DEC 2003	TUSCALOOSA
1830G	MIZE, GINA B.	JAN 2004	NORTHPORT
1831G	TAYLOR, DANA L.	JAN 2004	GULF SHORES
1832G	WILSON, AMANDA G.	JAN 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1833G	ARWOOD, KELLY L.	JAN 2004	HOOVER
1834G	BRADFORD, BRENDA E.	JAN 2004	TUSCALOOSA
1835G	DRESSER, MARIA S.	JAN 2004	ASHVILLE
1836G	HAWTHORNE, MICHELLE	JAN 2004	MOBILE
1837G	JOHNSON, HARRIET C.	JAN 2004	GREENVILLE
1838G	JONES, GARY L.	JAN 2004	DOTHAN
1839G	JONES, BENJAMIN S.	JAN 2004	AUBURN
1840G	QUINLAN, BROOKS C.	JAN 2004	MOBILE
1841G	WALLACE, NANCY L.	JAN 2004	COLUMBUS
1842G	CORK, ALESIA R.	FEB 2004	NORTHPORT
1843G	LONG, JESSICA E.	FEB 2004	GILBERTOWN
1844G	CULLER, LORRAINE D.	FEB 2004	HOOVER
1845G	THOMPSON, JOY T.	FEB 2004	HOOVER
1846G	WILLIS, WESLEY D.	FEB 2004	MONTGOMERY
1847G	MEYERPETER, SCOTT L.	FEB 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1848G	TATE, TEMETHA T.	FEB 2004	REMLAP
1849G	BAKER, TINA I.	FEB 2004	WILMER
1850G	MERCURY, EVANGELIA A.	FEB 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1851G	PUGH, LELA D.	FEB 2004	MONTGOMERY
1852G	McGINNIS, SHARON M.	MAR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1853G	BURTON, KRISTA L.	MAR 2004	MAPLESVILLE
1854G	CAVER, TYRINDA S.	MAR 2004	MONTGOMERY
1855G	HAMMONDS, MARY M.	MAR 2004	TUSCALOOSA
1856G	HANSON, ANSLEY K.	MAR 2004	FOLEY
1857G	HARKNESS, GRETA W.	MAR 2004	TUSCALOOSA
1858G	MANN, KIMBERLY L.	MAR 2004	BIRMINGHAM

LCSW'S

1795C	RICE, KAYLA D.	NOV 2003	NORTHPORT
1796C	VANDERMAN, MARY A.	NOV 2003	DEATSVILLE
1797C	ROGERS, FREDERICK V.	DEC 2003	OPELIKA
1798C	JACKSON, STACEY N.	DEC 2003	BIRMINGHAM
1799C	McHUGH, MICHELLE P.	DEC 2003	BIRMINGHAM
1800C	CORENBLUM, CARYN L.	JAN 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1801C	DAVIS, PATRICE M.	JAN 2004	COLUMBUS
1802C	MATTHEWS, JOHNNA K.	FEB 2004	MCCALLA
1803C	GATES, CHARLES N.	FEB 2004	FAYETTE
1804C	HACKNEY, CHRISTA F.	FEB 2004	TUSCALOOSA
1805C	WILSON, SUSAN R.	FEB 2004	TRUSSVILLE
1806C	NEY-MATHEWS, MARY J.	FEB 2004	OCEAN SPRINGS
1807C	TARICA, KATHERINE S.	FEB 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1808C	NEWELL, JASON M.	MAR 2004	TUSCALOOSA
1809C	JOHNSON, JUDY G.	MAR 2004	FLORENCE
1810C	LOCKHART, ANGELA S.	MAR 2004	NORTHPORT

This May Be Us Someday



An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car had been broken into. She was hysterical as she explained her situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried. The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way." A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard" He said. "She got in the back-

seat by mistake.

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car, both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went

right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!" Mildred turned to her and said, "Am I driving?"

LCSW with PIP's

When reporting your continuing education to the Board to renew either your LCSW or your PIP please submit only the continuing education for the license or certificate you are renewing at that time. We are unable to

maintain your hours for you. You must report the hours to renew your LCSW and PIP separately.

LCSW are able to supervise LGSW and LBSW working within the

same agency without the need of a PIP certification. A PIP supervising a licensee that also works within the same agency may do so without listing their PIP since this is not a requirement. ♦

Have you got a new address?

"Address changes may be sent in writing by mail, e-mail or fax.."

If you have moved, or if you're planning to move, please remember to send the Board of Social Work Examiners your new address. Address changes may be sent in writing by mail, e-mail or fax. Please understand that we do not take address changes over the telephone. This is for your protection as well as ours. We may make a mistake, and you might not get your renewal information timely, which could result

in your license being terminated.

So for your sake and ours please send your new address to us in writing.

Hopefully by now everyone has received our address change which we mailed out earlier this year. We are now settled in our new office and loving it. If you had seen our old office (underground) you would understand why being on the 7th floor is like being

on "Cloud 9" for us. We are still using our old letterhead and envelopes, since we just made a purchase before this space became available, but rest assured we did not move back. I will be ordering new letterhead soon, and envelopes a little later. ♦

Did You Know?

Did you know that you must sign your name on any professional documents bearing your title (LBSW, LGSW, or LCSW) as it is printed on your license? If you have a name change you must submit a copy of the legal documentation allowing you to change your name along with a money order or cashier's check for \$10 so that we can order a new license with your new name. Your license, your signature and the name on your file must always match.

Did you know that the public can call the Board

office to verify your licensure status and to find out whether or not you've had any charges against you? Not only can they call our office to get this information, but they can also go to our web site and look it up for themselves. In fact, we often refer them to our website so that they can do their own searches.

Did you know that there are currently only two people maintaining the Board office? And that we have over 5, 000 licenses and certifications that we have to check, maintain, renew, and correspond

with. Not to mention the hundreds of CE programs providers are constantly sending in for review and approval. For this reason the Board is considering hiring one more person to help out.

Did you know that we no longer require letters of recommendation for applicants? I know we made this announcement before, but we're still getting letters of recommendation. For that reason, I just wanted to remind everyone that the letters are no longer needed or required. ♦



Who Knew?

Social Work Registry - News release by ASWB

The Association of Social Work Boards has launched a new service aimed at simplifying the licensure application process for social workers across the country. The Social Work Registry provides a repository for social workers' credential information and serves as a credentials verification source for social work licensing boards in the U.S. and Canada.

Social workers who opt to participate in the Registry complete a detailed application form, providing information on their education, professional experience, licensure and supervision. Key data, including education,

licensing history, supervision and examination scores will be verified with the primary sources. Additional information such as continuing education courses, references and employment history can also be stored in the Registry at the social worker's request.

"We're pleased to offer this service to social workers," says ASWB Executive Director Donna DeAngelis, LICSW, ACSW.

"Professional mobility is becoming increasingly important in social work – as it is in all professions – and this program will ease those transitions for social workers."

Information about the Social Work Registry is available at www.aswb.org. Individuals interested in participating may also call (866) 825-9580 to learn more and receive an application packet.

ASWB is the organization of the boards that license and discipline social workers. Association members include regulatory boards for 49 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and five Canadian provinces. Its purpose is to provide support and information toward the goal of protection of the public which uses social work services.

"Professional mobility is becoming increasingly important in social work."

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New PIP Certification's

0649-0289C	COLEMAN, CATHERINE S.	DEC 2003	MONTGOMERY
0650-1673C	SWAFFORD, GAIL	DEC 2003	CULLMAN
0651-1794C	ADAMS, LYNN J.	JAN 2004	CHERRY HILL
0652-1638C	DEASY, BRENDA S.	JAN 2004	CULLMAN
0653-1480C	GREENHAW, DONNA	JAN 2004	MADISON
0654-1723C	FREDERICK, SANDRA L.	JAN 2004	MOBILE
0655-1413C	RILEY, NOREEN W.	JAN 2004	CROSSVILLE
0656-1734C	HARRISON, BARBARA L.	FEB 2004	BIRMINGHAM
0657-1689C	JONES, CHARLIE L.	FEB 2004	TUSCALOOSA
0658-1718C	KELLOUGH, MARION A.	FEB 2004	PINSON
0659-1796C	VANDERMAN, MARY A.	FEB 2004	DEATSVILLE

The Board to Develop a Social Work Service Brochure

Some States have already added to their library a consumer brochure for public distribution. The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners is in the process of developing the very same.

On the brochure they would like to let the

consumer know what type of services a social worker can provide, the education requirements to become a licensed social worker, the various ways someone can verify the credentials of a social worker through our office, and what rights they have as a consumer should they have

grievances with a social worker's professional practice. The Board is open to suggestions should anyone wish to share their ideas on this subject. If you are interested please submit your ideas in writing to the Board's Office. ♦

ASWB Exam Locations...

The Board has had a few calls from both the candidates and their employers expressing their disappointment with the lack of test-sites being provided for Alabama

candidates for the Social Work Examination.

The Board has relayed this information on to ASWB, who contacts the test sites, asking them to come to a speedy

resolution to the situation.

The Board does not control the exam sites. We have made several recommendations for possible locations. Hopefully a solution will be forthcoming. ♦

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